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City Of Las Vegas Cultural Arts November 2016 Calendar Of Events

PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Facilities will be closed for holiday observance Nov. 11, 24 and 25.
Cultural Arts & Community Events programs: www.artslasvegas.org

Rites of Passage Young Men and Women Mentoring Workshops (ages 10 – 16)

SONSHIP: A Ritual Passage to Manhood

Saturdays, through Dec. 17, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; no class Nov. 26.

Registration fee: \$30 for 10-week workshop.

West Las Vegas Library Conference Rooms A & B, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd.

The workshop is facilitated by Yusef Sudah, CAO of Dieseltex Inc.; Al Gourrier, Ph.D.; and Alfatar Richards. The Rites of Passage graduation ceremony is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 30, at 6 p.m.

Cosponsored by the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. For more information, call 702-229-4800.

S.I.S.T.A. - Sisters in Society Taking Action

Saturdays, through Dec. 17, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; no class Nov. 26.

Registration fee: \$30 for 10-week workshop.

West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-229-4800.

The workshop is facilitated by China Hudson, TuWanda Locke, Colette "IyaLe Olamide" Lundy, Yolanda Merz, and Maticia Sudah. The Rites of Passage graduation ceremony is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 30, at 6 p.m. Cosponsored by the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. For more information, call 702-229-4800.

The boys "Sonship - A Ritual Passage to Manhood" and girls "SISTA – Sisters In Society Taking Action" participants will travel on a journey toward the path of adulthood. The Rites of Passage is a youth-mentoring workshop designed to provide the necessary tools to help young men and women become responsible, caring adults, independent thinkers and outstanding citizens of the Las Vegas community. Community elders are encouraged to support this event as the youth prepare for their "crossing over" ceremony. The Rites of Passage workshop topics will include: Attitude & Influence, Self-Respect, Morals, Values, Choices, Spirituality, The Concept & Principles of Sonship, The Importance of "Familyhood," Grooming/Hygiene, Role Models, Social Graces, Education, Understanding the Learning Process, Career, The Principles of Finance and Understanding Wealth, Credit & Banking, Time Management & Your Priorities, Puberty/Maturation, Relationships & Marriage, and Health/Wellness/Nutrition.

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West Las Vegas Arts Center Winter 2017 Class Registration (all ages)

Registration available Oct. 27, 2016 – Jan. 4, 2017 for six-week session of classes Jan. 4 – Feb 11, 2017.

West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-229-4800.

Cultural arts classes offered include Kemetic Yoga, Kemetic Yoga for Children, African Dance for Children, African Dance for Teens/Adults, African Drum, Ballet for Children, Ballet – Beginner/Intermediate, Ballet – Intermediate/Advanced, Modern Dance – Intermediate, Hip Hop/Funk – Beginner, Hip Hop/Funk – Intermediate/Advanced, Capoeira/Martial Arts, Recording & Engineering - The Relationship of Mind Over Matter, and the Cultural Arts Ensembles – Children's African Dance & Drum and Performance Ensemble. To register online, visit www.artslasvegas.org or call 702-229-4800.

Women's Conference Series (ages 16+)

The Aspects of HET – HRU: The Power of Love and Beauty – Part II

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2 to 5 p.m. Check-in begins promptly at 1:30 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-229-4800.

Facilitated by Queen Esther, this workshop is designed to help women recognize the spiritual power and importance of love and beauty. Women will use fabric, head wraps, colors, creativity, poetry, laughter and joy to share their unique individuality.

Book Signing & Presentation: "Been There, Done That ~ My Life in the Educational Arena" by Dr. Paul Meacham (all ages)

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016, 2 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-229-4800.

Join former College of Southern Nevada President Dr. Paul E. Meacham for a discussion of his memoir followed by a question-and-answer session. For more information, call 702-229-4800 or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

Downtown Cultural Series: Alfredo Alvarenga, Flavio, and Mariano Gonzales Concert

Friday, Nov. 18, noon to 1 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse, 333 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Jury Assembly Room.

Celebrating autumn, the flute, percussion, and harp come together to present music from around the globe. Call 702-229-ARTS for more information or visit artslasvegas.org.

The Poets' Corner (ages 17+)

Hosted by Keith Brantley

Friday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 702-229-4800.

A monthly forum for established poets and open-mic participants featuring the best local talent. For more information, call 702-229-4800 or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

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Global Fest – A Celebration of Folk Dance

Saturday, Nov. 19, noon to 4 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park, 720 Twin Lakes Drive.

Celebrate equality, unity, and diversity at this family-friendly event that features a variety of cultural dancers, musicians and culinary arts. Enjoy traditional music, dances, and ethnic treats from around the world! Lawn seating; bring low-back lawn chairs or lawn blankets to be more comfortable. Refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information, call 702-229-3514 or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

Exhibitions**Treasured Lands Exhibit****Photographer QT Luong**

Through Nov.22; open Oct. 15 and by appointment only.

Free admission.

Historic Fifth Street School Mayor's Gallery, 401 S. Fourth St., 702-229-1012.

QT Luong is the only photographer known to have made large-format photographs in all 59 national parks. The Active Times wrote that he may have a more diverse parks experience than any other living person. The project, his life work spanning the past 20 years, is distinguished by continued wilderness travels, depth of geographic and thematic scope, and skilled craftsmanship. It earned him a spot as a character in the popular Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan PBS series "The National Parks: America's Best Idea" (2009).

The clarity and scale of the main photographs – made with a 5x7 inch film camera in the classic American landscape photography tradition – sets them apart as works of art, allowing the viewers to see the beauty of the land from a personal perspective. Short notes about the photographs add to the educational aspect. Because the exhibit features images from each of the US National Parks, it opens the viewers' eyes to a natural variety that few have suspected.

To the best of Luong's knowledge, Treasured Lands is the only set of color images of the 59 parks ready to exhibit. It is his hope that the exhibit will propel visitors on a personal journey to visit, appreciate, and help preserve this magnificent but fragile land. Call 702-229-1012 for appointment and information.

Native American Visions

Through Dec. 1, hours Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; closed weekends and holidays.

Free admission and open to the public.

Las Vegas City Hall Chamber Gallery, 495 S. Main St., second floor.

The artists in this exhibit explore their unique and diverse heritage through dramatic and colorful work. Some artwork explores identity and loss of identity while other work explores pattern and shape through traditional mediums such as weaving and painting in silhouette, much the same as how some petroglyphs were created. Artists include: Fawn Douglas (Las Vegas, Nevada), Laura Zollar (Las Vegas, Nevada), Noelle Garcia and Shane Waters (Evanston, Illinois, originally from Nevada), Rebecca Eagle (Reno, Nevada), Robert Martinez (Riverton, Wyoming), Tom Jones (Madison, Wisconsin), Melanie Yazzie (Boulder, Colorado). Call 702-229-1012 for more information.

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PATRIMONIO Exhibition**Artist Justin Favela**

Through Dec. 15, hours Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; closed weekends and holidays.

Free admission and open to the public.

Las Vegas City Hall Grand Gallery, 495 S. Main St., first floor.

This aerial exhibit highlights the fine Mexican art of *papel picado* making. *Papel picado* translates to English as “chopped paper” and is a traditional folk art from Mexico that involves cutting out intricate patterns on colorful tissue paper. The tissue paper is then glued to a string in a line to form banners which are used as decorations for important festivities throughout the year. Artisans may study for years to learn to make *papel picado* in its traditional form. Originally the paper was laboriously cut with scissors. Now up to 50 sheets of tissue paper can be cut at a time, using a hammer and an assortment of chisels of different sizes and shapes. An infinite variety of patterns and designs are made in *papel picado*: flowers, birds, lettering, people and animals and lattice-work patterns. For the Day of the Dead, skulls and skeletons are depicted.

In Favela’s installation, he has handmade his thicker tissue paper by gluing and layering three sheets of tissue paper to make it look more traditional. He also has enlarged the banner to giant size to emphasize the meaning behind his designs and to make you look more closely at the fine craft as an art image. The images highlight fall and winter holiday and seasonal days of celebration, which is also a departure in terms of this art, as they usually focus on decorative subjects. The images on the banners are:

- The quetzal, Guatemala's national emblem, related to Guatemalan Independence Day (Sept 15).
- Mexican Independence Day (Sept 16), which features the coat of arms found on Mexico's flag, based on an Aztec legend featuring an eagle on a cactus eating a snake;
- The waving American flag in honor of Veterans Day;
- A dark blue flag made for Nevada Day features the shape of the Battle Born State;
- The orange flag for Halloween is a fun depiction of a classic jack-o-lantern;
- The purple banner was made in celebration of Lincoln's birthday and represents president Abraham Lincoln as the icon depicted on the penny coin; and
- The teal banner features a citizen casting a vote in celebration of Election Day!

Call 702-229-1012 for more information.

“Entertain” Exhibit

Artist Cat Chiu Phillips

Through Jan. 13, 2017

Las Vegas City Hall Windows on First, 495 S. Main St. at First Street.

This space at city hall, known as the Windows on First, is part of the First Street Art Trail. The windows are currently exhibiting Cat Chiu Phillips’ installation, “Entertain,” open for the public to enjoy around the clock. The artwork is created entirely from discarded VHS tapes, cassette tapes, 35 mm photo negatives and slides, many of which have references to Las Vegas. Call 702-229-1012 for more information.

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Editor’s Note: High-resolution photos are available for download at

<ftp://ftp.lasvegasnevada.gov/lv/files/Exhibitions/>;

<ftp://ftp.lasvegasnevada.gov/lv/files/November 2016 Events/>;

No password is required.